The Athletic Training (AT) Graduate Program at Slippery Rock University is a combination of rigorous academic instruction and authentic clinical experience. The AT Graduate Program will prepare proficient healthcare practitioners who will collaborate with other medical professionals to optimize the activity and wellness of patients and clients in sport, work, and life. Students will learn the science of athletic training with a focus on patient-centered injury and illness prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, return to activity, and exercise as medicine.

The AT Graduate Program is guided by the athletic training education competencies as well as the core program values of professionalism, respect, compassion, interprofessional education, evidence-based practice and student-centered learning. Students will develop communication, decision-making, analytical, and altruistic skills necessary for proficient practice with a diverse population. Students will need to possess select prerequisite knowledge, emergency care certification, and health and criminal clearances before beginning the program.

Students successfully completing the AT Graduate Program are eligible to take the Board of Certification (BOC), Inc. examination. Graduates who pass the BOC examination will be qualified to deliver quality healthcare in various employment settings (e.g. high schools, colleges, professional sports, industrial, military and performing arts), and will contribute to the global medical community by reducing healthcare costs, improving healthcare accessibility, preventing and managing diseases, and promoting wellness.

Individuals holding the BOC credential or are eligible to take the BOC examination are not candidates for the SRU AT Graduate Program.

The AT Graduate Program is unique because:

1. Slippery Rock University has built a recognized reputation, not only in western Pennsylvania but throughout the United States in health, wellness and clinical sciences, and has gained recognition for the quality of faculty and program content in many ways.

2. The undergraduate Athletic Training Program, established in 1974, has a history of excellence in the profession of athletic training with alumni across the state, country and world.

3. The university sponsors several health and medical profession programs that engage in interprofessional education and practice.

4. The graduate program is committed to providing diverse, authentic, and immersive clinical experiences.

5. The Exercise is Medicine® initiative is infused in the program.

The AT Graduate Program will require 63 credits of classroom courses and clinical experiences offered sequentially over four consecutive semesters and two summers to promote progressive, higher-order learning over time. Students will matriculate full-time in a cohort.

Slippery Rock University undergraduate students enrolled in eligible majors with prerequisite courses will apply for admission during the third undergraduate year and be able to complete the SRU AT Graduate Program in a fifth year (3+2). Students with earned degrees and prerequisites will apply for admission and complete the AT Graduate Program in two years (4+2).

SRU is no longer accepting new students to pursue the undergraduate AT major after the fall 2016 semester as it transitions from the Bachelor of Science degree to a Master of Science degree. The last undergraduate cohort of students majoring in AT will graduate in the spring of 2020.

Curriculum (63 Credits)

ATTR 601: Foundations in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 602: Athletic Training Techniques (3 cr)
ATTR 603: Research in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 604: Clinically-Oriented Anatomy in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 605: Lower Extremity Pathology and Intervention in Athletic Training (6 cr)
ATTR 606: Upper Extremity Pathology and Intervention in Athletic Training (6 cr)
ATTR 607: General Medicine and Pharmacology Concepts in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 608: Clinical Kinesiology in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 610: Athletic Training Clinical Experiences I (3 cr)
ATTR 620: Athletic Training Clinical Experiences II (3 cr)
ATTR 630: Athletic Training Clinical Experiences III (3 cr)
ATTR 701: Head and Spine Pathology and Intervention in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 702: Diverse Interventions in Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 710: Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency I (6 cr)
ATTR 711: Professional Development of the Athletic Trainer (3 cr)
ATTR 712: Synthesis of Athletic Training (3 cr)
ATTR 720: Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency II (6 cr)
Admission Requirements

All applicants should complete the ATCAS (Athletic Training Centralized Application Service) and read the instructions:

Minimum admission requirements include the following:

1. A minimum of a baccalaureate degree (4+2) or completion of the first three years of a SRU 3+2 Pre-Athletic Training Concentration AND the following prerequisites (taken within the past 5 years):
   a. Basic or Human Anatomy (3-4 credits)
   b. Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (3-4 credits)
   c. Anatomy & Physiology II with lab (3-4 credits)
   d. Kinesiology or Biomechanics (3-4 credits)
   e. Physics I with lab (3-4 credits)
   f. Exercise Physiology (3-4 credits)
   g. Nutrition (3 credits)
   h. Psychology (3 credits; introductory, developmental or abnormal)
   i. Statistics (3 credits)
   j. Medical Terminology (at least 1 credit)

2. A "C" or better in all prerequisite courses.

3. Official transcripts from any accredited college/university where credits have been earned GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. (Students with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission).

4. Two letters of recommendation:
   a. One letter should be from an academic advisor or instructor.
   b. One letter should be from a healthcare provider; an athletic trainer is preferred.

5. Resume/Curriculum Vitae.

6. Evidence of 50 hours of clinical observation/shadowing with an athletic trainer.

7. A successful interview (the most highly-qualified applicants will be invited for an interview).

Note: Upon formal admission to the program, the applicant is required to confirm the ability to meet the Technical Standards of the program. By July 1, the student must provide valid proof of Professional Rescuer Level CPR and First Aid Certification. Before participating in an assigned Athletic Training Clinical Experience and/or Advanced Athletic Training Clinical Residency, the student will need to provide valid proof of:

- PA State Criminal History Background Check (Act 34)
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form (Act 151)
- PA Department of Education or Department of Human Services FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
- PA Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Act (Act 126) [depending on affiliate site assignment]
- Inoculations current with OSHA requirements for healthcare providers
- Others as required by affiliate sites

Tuition & Assistantships

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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The undergraduate program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Because the Athletic Training program will be in mid-accreditation cycle and is in good standing with CAATE, the Substantive Change Application for change of degree level will be submitted.